

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Summary of the Response

By the foregoing amendment, claims 10, 13, 16, 20, 21, 24, 27 and 31 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Thus, claims 10-31 are pending in this application and subject to examination.

In the Office Action mailed December 2, 2005, claims 10-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,855,725 to Fernandez ("Fernandez") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,829,569 to Seth-Smith et al. ("Seth-Smith"). It is noted that claims 10, 13, 16, 20, 21, 24, 27 and 31 have been amended. To the extent the rejections remain applicable to the claims currently pending, the Applicant hereby traverses the rejections, as follows.

Claims 10, 13, 16, 20, 21, 24, 27 and 31 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

Regarding claims 10, 13, 16, 20, 21, 24, 27 and 31, the Applicant respectfully submits that neither Fernandez nor Seth-Smith, nor the combination thereof, disclose or suggests each and every limitation of claims 10, 13, 16, 20, 21, 24, 27 and 31. For example, neither Fernandez nor Seth-Smith, nor the combination thereof teach or suggest at least the features of the present invention of a method for restricting access to electronic books, or a portable viewer for displaying electronic books, including "performing error correction," as claimed in claims 10, 13, 16, 20, 21, 24, 27 and 31, as amended.

For at least this reason, the Applicant submits that claims 10, 13, 16, 20, 21, 24, 27 and 31 are allowable over the cited prior art.

Claims 11-12, 14-15, 17-19, 22-23, 25-26 and 28-30 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

Regarding claims 11-12, 14-15, 17-19, 22-23, 25-26 and 28-30, the Applicant respectfully submits that as amended claims 10, 13, 16, 20, 21, 24, 27 and 31 are allowable, claims 11-12, 14-15, 17-19, 22-23, 25-26 and 28-30, each of which depends from one of allowable claims 10, 13, 16, 20, 21, 24, 27 and 31, are likewise allowable over the cited prior art.

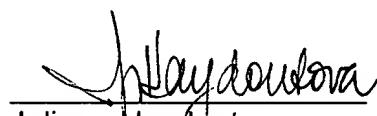
Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the claims now pending recite patentable subject matter. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 026880-00019.

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